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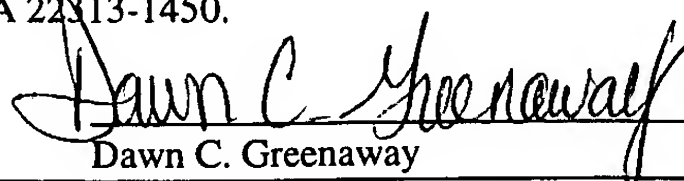
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 5, 2005, attached please find the following:

- (a) Corrected Drawings – As requested by the Examiner, the descriptions in Figure 1 (Process flow diagram for flow of material from feed stream through TFF to FILL and finish), Figure 2 (the equipment was assembled as follows: and Shaded arrows represent sample points), Figure 4 (Filtration Process Flow Diagram), Figure 5 (Steps #1-#5), Figure 6 (GTC Process Equipment Schematic) and Figure 19 (Equipment assembled for cleaning) have been removed. The enclosed corrected drawings are submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.21(d); and
- The Examiner has suggested that these descriptions be placed in the section of the specification entitled “Brief Description of the Drawings.” Applicants have reviewed said section of the specification and believe that placing these descriptions in this section would be repetitive as the descriptions as they currently stand in the present application already appropriately describe such figures. As a result, said descriptions removed from Figures 1,2,4-6 and 19 have not been placed in the specification.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

I hereby certify that under 37 CFR §1.10 that this correspondence is being deposited on July 14, 2005 with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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(b) completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b.

Applicants hereby confirm and verify small entity status.

Other than the required fee of \$1000 in connection with the issue fee and publication fee and the required fee for patent copies in the amount of \$30.00, no additional fees are deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may now or hereafter be due for this application to GTC Biotherapeutics' Deposit Account No. 502092.

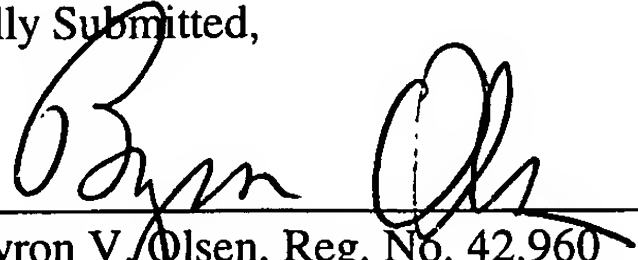
Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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